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INCREASE IN PEOPLE LIVING IN SLUM CLUSTERS
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of people living in slum clusters in Metro Cities of the country is constantly increasing;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the estimated number of Dalits living in slum clusters, metro-city-wise;

(d) whether the Government has taken or propose to take steps for solving the problems arising due to slum clusters;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the amount spent by the Union Government for the development of slum clusters during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): The main reason for increase in the number of people living in slum clusters is due to migration of people from rural to urban areas for better employment opportunities, educational and medical facilities, etc in the urban areas as well as the natural growth in population.

(c): Data about number of Dalits living in slum clusters, metro-city-wise is not maintained.

(d)&(e): Slum Development is a State subject. However, with a view to ameliorate the living conditions of the slum dwellers, a programme known as National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) was launched at the National level by the Government in August, 1996 for the development of urban slums. Funds under this programme are allocated as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to various States on the basis of pro-rata slum population.

Besides a new Centrally sponsored scheme called Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY)was launched on 2.12.2001 with a view to emeliorating the conditions of the urban slum dwellers living below poverty line who do not possess adequate shelter. The Scheme has the primary objective to facilitate the construction and upgradation of the dwelling units for the slum dwellers and to provide health and enabling urban environment through community toilets under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan, a component of the Scheme.

(f): The details o f funds released under national slum Development Programme (NSDP) and Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) during each of the last three years and current year are as follows:-

(Rs. in crore)

Name of Scheme	Year 2001-02	Year 2002-03	Year 2003-04	Year 2004-05
NSDP	282.40	333.44	335.08	295.42
VAMBAY	73.56	271.60	230.61	92.07